

REMARKS

Claim 45 was amended herein. After entry of this amendment, claims 45, 49, 50, 52, 55, and 57 are pending. Support for the amendment to claim 45 can be found at least at page 23, lines 4-7.

§ 112 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 52, 55, and 57 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph in the June 5, 2007 Final Office Action.

The August 16, 2007 Advisory Action indicates that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 is withdrawn.

§ 103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 45, 49, 50, 52, 55, and 57 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as allegedly being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 4,451,635 ("Gould"), in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,931,319 ("Green") and U.S. Patent No. 4,110,286 ("Vandergaer"). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Although Applicant does not necessarily agree with this rejection, claim 45 has been amended herein to specify that the quaternary ammonium group is derived from a monol or polyol or a vinylic functional compound.

Neither Gould, Green, Vandergaer, nor the combination thereof disclose that the quaternary ammonium group could be derived from a monol or polyol or a vinylic functional compound. Furthermore, neither Gould, Green, Vandergaer, nor the combination thereof suggests that the quaternary ammonium group could be derived from a monol or polyol or a vinylic functional compound. Because there is no disclosure or suggestion regarding this element of claim 45, claim 45 is not obvious in light of these references. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

Applicant also notes that there may be other reasons why claim 45 is not obvious in light of the cited references, and independent reasons why claims 49-50, 52, 55, and 57

are not obvious over the cited references; Applicant does not concede such arguments by having not presented them herein.

Conclusion

Applicant also notes that there may be other arguments which were not presented herein, and Applicant does not concede those arguments by not having presented them herein. Applicant also does not necessarily agree with the correctness of statements made in the Office Action that were not rebutted herein.

In view of the foregoing amendments, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the claims as all rejections have been overcome. Early notice of allowability is kindly requested. Should the Examiner feel a telephone interview would be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, Applicant invites the Examiner to contact their representative at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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